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In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2003, transmitted herewith please find a Response Under Rule 116 for filing in the above-identified application.

No fees are believed to be required. However, if fees are required, please charge the Deposit Account of Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492. A copy of Transmittal is included for that purpose.

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